GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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WORLD BANK AIDED ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of environment projects being run with World Bank assistance in the country, the State wise;

(b) the total amount received from the world Bank for the purpose, project-wise;

(c) whether progress of some of these projects has been very slow,

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the World Bank has expressed deep concern over it; and

(f) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Union Government to speed up the projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIT.R.BAALU)

(a) and (b) Details are given in the enclosed statement.Statement

S. No.	Name of the Project and Duration	Implementing Agencies-	States	Amount sanctioned by World Bank
1	4	2	5	3
1	Environmental Management Capacity BuildingTechnicalAssistance Project (May 1997- June 2003)	Ministry of Environment and Forests Govt.of India, Department of Ocean Development, Govt. of India and Gujrat Department of Forests and Environment	Gujrat	US $ 29.66 million
2	Forestry Research Education and Extension Project (FREEP) (September 1994- December 2001)	Forests,Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) and the state Forest Departments of Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu	Himchal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu	US $ 47 million
3	India Eco-development Project (December 1996-June 2002)	Ministry of environment and Forests, Govt. of India and the state Forest Departments of Jharkhand, West Bengal, Karnataka, Kerela, Gujrat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan	Jharkhand, West Bengal, Karnataka, Kerela,Gujrat, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan	US$28million
4	Industrial Pollution Prevention Project (March 1995-March 2002)	Ministry of Environmentand Forests, Govt. of India and the state Forest Departments of Andhra Pradesh,Gujrat, Madhya Pradesh Karnataka, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh	Andhra Pradesh,Gujrat, Karnataka, Rajasthan,and	US$23mllion

5	Kerela Forestry Project (1998-2002)	Govt. of Kerala	Kerala	US $ 39 million
6	UP Forestry project (1998-2002)	Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal	Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal	US $52 million

(c) to (f) The progress in respect of all the projects has not been as per the original schedule. This is largely due to involvement of several agencies, including State Governments, autonomous bodies etc. in the implementation process. Some of the projects, being implemented for the first time without any previous experience, had faced start-up problems. There is an established system of regular review of the projects funded by the World Bank in conjunction with the recipient government and the implementing agencies. They share the concern of the Government of India on the slow progress of some of the projects.

In order to speed up the projects, the Government of India has strengthened the monitoring mechanism and is making all efforts to ensure adherence to physical and financial schedules through close interaction with State Governments/Implementing agencies.